

BOROUGH OF SAINT IVES
(HUNTS.)



MEDICAL OFFICER'S
AND
SANITARY INSPECTOR'S

Report 1937

SAINT IVES :
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ST. IVES.

MR. MAYOR AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to present to you the Medical Officer's and Sanitary Inspector's Report on the conditions of the Borough for the year 1937.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	...	2326 acres
Estimated Population (mid 1937)		2635
No. inhabited houses	...	861
Rateable value	...	£14,344
Value of penny rate	...	£55

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

BIRTHS.—36, 12 males and 24 females were registered as belonging to the area, of whom three males were illegitimate; in addition two legitimate still-births were registered. The live birth-rate was thus 13·6 per 1000 of population, as compared with 14·9 for England and Wales. The still-birth being 0·75 as compared with 0·60 for England and Wales.

DEATHS.—17 males and 16 females belonging to the Borough, a total of 33, of whom 8 died outside the area. This is rate of 12·5 per 1000 of population, as compared with 12·4 for England and Wales. When allowance is made for the average age of our population, our 'comparison rate' becomes 9·6.

One death in an old person was due to Influenza; one from puerperal causes other than sepsis; four were due to Cancer, and one to Tuberculosis.

No deaths occurred from Measles, Whooping-cough or Diarrhoea under two years of age.

Otherwise the causes of death were not noteworthy; 24 or 73% were of persons over 65.

There was no death under one year of age: last year it was noted for the previous ten years this rate had averaged 37·5 per 1000 births. For 1937 the rate for England and Wales was 58.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Your Medical Officer is a part time officer ; the Sanitary Inspector is a member of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

There have been no changes or developments in the Public Health Services during the year, Laboratory facilities, Ambulances, and Nursing in the home. They are working satisfactorily.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.—No important extensions have been made during the year. The East Hunts. Water Co. who supply the water in bulk for this area, have taken frequent samples, which have proved satisfactory. No shortage has been experienced.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.—No important changes have been made during the year. Minor drainage extensions have been carried out to cover additional building extensions in the area.

CLOSET ACCOMODATION.—No important changes have taken place, but a number remaining under the pail system will be dealt with under the Slum Clearance Scheme now in progress.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.—No alterations have been made in the services during the year. The Council contract for this work which has been carried out satisfactorily.

SWIMMING BATH.—An open air swimming bath is under the control of the Council, the water continually flowing through the baths from the main river to the backwater of the Ouse. Before each season the bath itself is cleaned.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.—No action has been taken up to the present, as there has been no evidence or complaints of such conditions existing.

HOUSING

Eight houses were erected by private enterprise during the year.

1. *Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—*
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ... 152
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 223
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 48
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 107
 - (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 0
 - (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 17
2. *Remedy of defects during the Year without Service of formal Notices :—*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 17
3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the Year :—*
 - (a)—Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 0
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) By owners ... 0
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0
 - (b)—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 4
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
 - (a) By owners ... 4
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0
 - (c)—Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :
 - (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	0
(d)—Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:		
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	0
4. <i>Housing Act, 1936.—Part IV.—Overcrowding:—</i>		
(a)—(i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	1
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein	...	1
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	9½
(b)—Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	0
(c)—(i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	0
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases		0
(d)—Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.		
(e)—Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report.		

The difficulty in overcrowding has been in the case of one large family to find a house large enough. Even giving two houses adjacent is not really satisfactory, for one kitchen will be useless. It has been a problem not provided for under the housing schemes.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The Factories, Workshops and Shops have been inspected and found satisfactory and defects remedied.

MILK SUPPLY.—There are 10 Cowsheds and Dairies in the area, they have been kept in a satisfactory condition, minor defects have been put in order.

MEAT.—The 5 registered Slaughter-houses have been inspected and found in order, one pig carcase having been found diseased and condemned.

BAKE-HOUSES.—There are 3 registered Bake-houses which have been inspected and have been kept in a satisfactory condition.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Of Scarlet Fever there were five notifications, sporadic cases, all removed to the Isolation Hospital. Of Pneumonia and Erysipelas there were of each two notifications.

There were two notifications of acute Poliomyelitis, but one of these was, subsequently in Hospital, believed not to be a true case, or recovered completely.

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE PERIOD			New Cases				Deaths			
			Pulmonary		Non-Pul		Pulmonary		Non-Pul	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals			0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0

After infectious Disease and deaths from Tuberculosis and Malignant Disease, disinfection has been carried out with Formalin.

I am,

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. R. GROVE, M.D.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Causes of, and Ages at Death during the year 1937.

	At all ages.	Un- der 1 year	1 and un- der 2	2 and un- der 5	5 and un- der 15	15 and un- der 25	25 and un- der 45	45 and un- der 65	65 and up- ward
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
ALL CAUSES.	33	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	24
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ... ..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet Fever .. ..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Influenza	1	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	1
Encaphalitis lethargica	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebro spinal Fever	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	..	..	...	..	1	...	...	...
Other tuberculous diseases	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...
Syphilis .. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General Paralysis of the Insane tabes dorsalis ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cancer, malignant disease	4	...	..	...	...	..	...	2	2
Diabetes ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cerebral hæmorrhage, etc.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Heart Disease	12	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	11
Aneurysm .. ..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other circulatory diseases	5	...	..	...	..	...	..	3	2
Bronchitis .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
Pneumonia (all forms) ..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other Respiratory diseases	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Peptic Ulcer .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diarrhœa etc (under 2 years) ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..
Appendicitis .. ..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Cirrhosis of Liver .. ..	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Other diseases of liver, &c.	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...
Other digestive diseases	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1
Acute and chronic nephritis	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal sepsis .. ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...
Other Puerperal Causes	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...
Congenital Debility Premature Birth and Malformation, etc.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Senility ... ..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide ... ..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...
Other violence	2	...	..	...	..	..	...	1	1
Other Defined Diseases ..	4	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	4
Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Special Causes(including above)									
Smallpox
Poliomyelitis
Polioencephalitis
	33	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	24

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Vital Statistics for the District during 1937 and previous years.

YEAR.	Population estimated to the middle of each year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT			
		Uncorrected Number	Nett				of Non-residents regis- tered in the District.	of Residents not regis- tered in the District	Under 1 Year of age		At all ages	
			Number.	Rate	Number.	Rate per 1000 net Births			Number.	Rate		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1932	2671	37	37	13·8	32	12·0	1	17	1	27·0	48	17·9
1933	2740	28	28	10·2	24	8·9	..	12	2	71·4	36	13·1
1934	2744	31	31	11·3	19	6·9	1	10	0	0·0	28	10·2
1935	2694	33	33	12·2	30	11·1	0	9	0	0·0	39	14·4
1936	2633	35	35	13·3	32	12·1	0	9	1	28·6	41	15·6
1937	2635	36	36	13·6	25	9·4	0	8	0	0·0	33	12·5